

In the Drawings:

Attached are 10 Replacement Sheets comprising a formal set of drawings for FIGs. 1-9.

REMARKS

Claims 1-36 are pending in the application. Claims 1-9, 12, 13 and 17 stand rejected and claims 21-36 are withdrawn from consideration.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 10-11, 14-16 and 18-20 comprise allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten as suggested in the Office Action. Although Applicants respectfully disagree with the claim rejections, the claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance in view of the allowable subject matter and therefore, withdrawal of the claim rejections is requested.

In particular, claims 21-36 have been canceled without prejudice in view of the finality of the restriction requirement

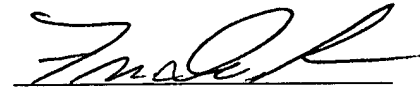
Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 18. Claim 1 is essentially claim 18 written in independent form and therefore, claim 1 is in condition for allowance. In addition, claims 2-17 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependence from claim 1.

Claims 19 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form and are therefore in condition for allowance. New claims 37-43 depend from claim 19, and new claims 44-50 depend from claim 20. Accordingly, new claims 37-50 are in condition for allowance at least by virtue of their dependence from respective base claims 19 or 20.

New claim 51 is claim 15 written in independent form and therefore, claim 51 is in condition for allowance. New claim 52 depends from claim 51 is therefore in condition for allowance.

Furthermore, in response to the drawing objections, Applicants submit herewith 10 Replacement sheets comprising a set of formal drawings for Figs. 1-9. Accordingly, withdrawal of the drawing objections is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Frank V. DeRosa', written over a horizontal line.

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